

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are currently pending. The Examiner has now rejected claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-28 and 30-35 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Balogh, U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2001/0024953, in view of the newly cited Russell, U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2004/0249915, and has rejected claims 5, 15 and 19 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Balogh in view of the Russell, and further in view of Daigel et al., U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2004/0054719. These rejections are respectfully disagreed with, and are traversed below.

A number of merely clarifying amendments have been made to certain of the claims (e.g., claims 2, 3, 4 and 5).

The Applicants note that when rejecting claims 9, 19, 24, 32 and 34 the Examiner refers to paragraph [0089] of Russell for purportedly teaching the claimed subject matter. The Applicants respectfully disagree.

In order to even further clarify the claimed subject matter the independent claims 1, 11, 21 and 26 have been amended in a somewhat similar manner, and claims 9, 19, 24 and 32 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

For example, claim 1 now recites in part:

where at least one parameter setting is a user specified protected parameter setting that is not allowed to be changed during performance of a parameter setting update process;

and claim 21 now recites in part:

where at least one parameter setting is a user specified protected parameter setting, and further comprising means for preventing the at least one user

specified protected parameter setting from being altered during performance of a parameter setting update procedure.

Support for this amendment can be found in the application as filed at least at page 5, lines 6-16, and no new matter is added. Claim 34 has also been amended in a corresponding manner.

Turning now to the paragraph [0089] of Russell, what is actually stated is the following:

If the first registration and authentication process is not successful at step 619, and if, at step 620, there remain other contracted networks for which registration and authentication was not yet attempted, at step 624, the invention device 10 loops back to step 611 to load the specific parameter information of the next contracted network in the contracted network access priority list 209 and attempts the communication again. If the QAS algorithm 304 at step 619 exhausts the list of contracted networks and is unable to locate a contracted network at the position indicated by the GPS data, device 10 at step 623 invokes its Scan Access Selection algorithm 310 to dynamically scan for available contracted networks. Similarly, if there is no GPS data available or if the received GPS data does not appear to be within the stored coverage area maps of any of the contracted networks, the device 10 will also invoke its Scan Access Selection algorithm 310.

Clearly, there is no disclosure here, or elsewhere in Russell, of at least one parameter setting that is a "user specified protected parameter setting that is not allowed to be changed during performance of a parameter setting update process". This paragraph appears instead to be directed simply to registration and authentication with a contracted network, and the invocation of the Scan Access Selection algorithm.

For at least this one reason alone the claims as now presented for examination are deemed to be clearly allowable over the proposed combination of Balogh in view of Russell, and/or Balogh in view of Russell further in view of Daigel et al., as the proposed combination of these references does not expressly disclose or suggest the claimed subject matter.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and remove the rejections expressed in the most-recent office action, and to allow claims 1-8, 10-18, 20-23, 25-31 and 33-35 as now

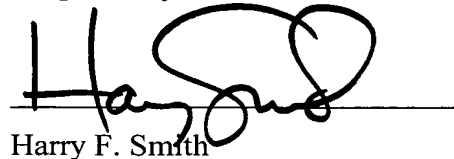
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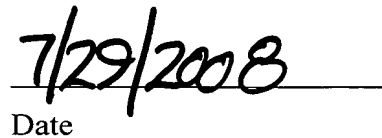
presented for examination.

As a part of the amendment claims 36-39 have been newly added. These claims are supported in, for example, claim 5 as filed. No new matter is added.

An early notification of the allowability of all of the presently pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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